



Ecovillage Design Course Aug & Nov 2014 Vig, Denmark

August 18 – 31: Social & Ecological

November 1 – 15: Economy & Worldview

Introduction: This is a four part “EDE” (Ecovillage Design Education) course covering the social, ecological, economic and worldview aspects of ecovillage design. Certified by Gaia Education and based on their Ecovillage Design Curriculum the course brings together a talented team of trainers with a wide range of skills and experience. The course is held at Ananda Gaorii organic farm and retreat center close to Copenhagen and includes study visits to 5 nearby Danish Ecovillages. We intend to use the ecovillages themselves, with all their experiences, as a learning space.



Aims:

- Learn about ecovillages and the ecovillage movement as pioneers in social innovation offering sustainable and caring solutions to problems facing humanity.
- Learn the necessary knowledge and skills required for people to successfully design, create, advise or participate in various forms of community.
- Engage in a design process clarifying how social, ecological, economic and worldview elements will be understood, practiced and reinforced within a community.
- Learn vision, communication, planning and action skills as we engage in the process of creating our designs.
- Experience a sense of interconnectedness, personally and as a group, as we go through the process.
- Interact and develop relationships with Danish Ecovillages and the Global Ecovillage Network
- Strengthen our support networks
- Learn where to get the information and skills we may be lacking.

Methodology

The methodology covers a wide range of teaching methods – lectures, powerpoints, videos, action learning and dialogue. Participants will gain experience with a variety of tools for observing, visioning, planning and execution as well as tools for personal growth and well-being. There will be visits to existing ecovillages to encounter real situations and participants will be engaged in a design process throughout the workshop.

Program

Part 1: Social and Ecological, Aug 18 – 31

Social Content (August 18 – 23):

Module 1: Building Community & Embracing Diversity

Module 2: The Art of Compassionate Communication

Module 3: Facilitation Skills: Decision Making and Conflict Resolution

Module 4: Personal Empowerment and Leadership skills

Module 5: Celebrating Life: Art and Creativity

Module 6: Local, Bioregional and Global Outreach

Ecological Content (August 25 – 31):

Module 1: Whole Systems Approach to Ecological Design

Module 2: Appropriate Technology: Water

Module 3: Organic Agriculture and Local Food

Module 4: Appropriate Technology: Energy

Module 5: Green Building & Retrofitting

Part 2: Economy and Worldview, Nov 1 - 15

Economy Content (November 1 – 7):

Module 1: Shifting the Global Economy to Sustainability

Module 2: Making Money our Servant rather than our Master

Module 3: Right Livelihood

Module 4: Social Enterprise

Module 5: Legal and Financial Issues

Worldview Content (November 9 – 15):

Module 1: Holistic Worldview

Module 2: Listening to and Reconnecting with Nature

Module 3: Awakening & Transformation of Consciousness

Module 4: Personal Health, Planetary Health

Module 5: Socially Engaged Spirituality

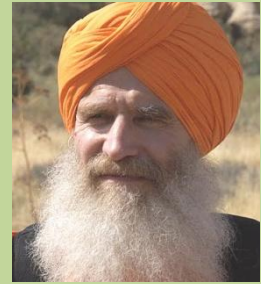
Trainers

Rakesh Bhambri is a Permaculture designer and instructor from the UK. He has worked as an advisor to several Transition projects in London and Croatia and has taught in many countries around the world. Rakesh suffered from dyslexia from childhood but turned this to his advantage by developing a talent for observation and hands on learning and teaching methods. At the start of his work life he established a successful computer consultancy and, after achieving financial independence, went on to become a homeopath and yoga teacher, giving service in humanitarian relief projects in Africa and South Asia. Along with Permaculture Rakesh teaches Sociocracy and Ecovillage Design.



Erik Lemcke has worked 26 years as a process consultant and facilitator primarily with teambuilding, conflict resolution, development and vision-building processes in municipalities and non-profit organizations. Erik's work is based on Bernard Lievegoed's holistic and spiritual methods known as "Social Ecology". Erik has a masters in social entrepreneurship from Roskilde University and in 2001 he co-founded the international organization, "GLOBENET3", focused on the role of civil society in creating sustainable communities and democratic renewal. He is co-initiator of the Transition movement in Denmark and a certified Transition trainer. Erik works with local communities and organization focusing on the question, "*How can we strengthen quality of life and create resilient communities with less consumption?*" Erik is also a sculptor.

Dada Krsnasevananda has been a monk of Ananda Marga since the age of 23 and has many years experience teaching yoga, meditation and living in community. He is originally from Canada but has been in Denmark from 2011 and is actively involved in the development of Ananda Gaorii as a spiritual retreat, learning center and ecovillage. Dada also writes and teaches about Prout, an alternative social and economic theory based on regional self-reliance, economic democracy and rational distribution of wealth.



Ross Jackson, together with his wife Hildur, is the founder/chairman of Gaia Trust, a Danish charitable association whose main projects to date have been supporting the fast-growing ecovillage movement, and in particular GEN, the Global Ecovillage Network, as well as supporting education for a sustainable future, and in particular, Gaia Education. For many years, Ross was a very successful businessman and independent management consultant in the field of Information Technology, working in many branches of business, later specialising in investment and international finance. He is now semi-retired, focussing on writing and Gaia Trust. Besides his continuing role as CEO of Gaia Trust, Ross is a majority shareholder and director of Scandinavia's largest wholesale organic food company, Urtekram A/S.

Ole Uggerby is an architect and urban planner and one of the founding pioneers of the Danish cooperative bank, Merkur. During his time at Merkur from 1991 to 2006 he took charge of various operations including public relations, marketing, internal training of employees and editing the common bank magazine for Merkur and Culturabank. Since 2007 Ole has been manager of administration at Hertha Shared Housing & Workshops and is a board member of Village Foundation, Hertha.



Mette Mathiasen works as Project Manager in Odsherred Municipality on settlement strategy and local democracy development. In working with local democracy she participates, supports and creates local development projects and ensures good lines of communication between citizens, politicians and administration. In the process of settlement development and growth she works with a focus on communities: village communities, group homes, developing of eco-village and socio-economic occupation.

Stefan Per de Freitas is the founder and coordinator of the Human Being Center in Copenhagen. He is a holistic healer and psychotherapist with a degree in applied psychology from Copenhagen University and a Masters in Education from the Danish School of Education. Stefan is also a certified practitioner of the Danish healing system known as the Body Self-Development System.





Candela Vargas has a BSc in Biology from the university of Granada and is currently doing a Masters in Nature Management at the University of Copenhagen. Candela pioneered a successful Urban Garden project in Byhaven and is vice president of the project. She has completed as well as assisted a Permaculture Design Certificate course and conducts introduction courses on her own. She is a member of the board of the Permaculture Association of Denmark.

Martin Wozniak is a physics student at Copenhagen University with a passion for alternative currencies, alternative technology and sociocracy. Martin helped start a local currency in Spain and has held workshops about the banking system, local currency and gift economy in Copenhagen. Martin is currently researching alternative suppressed technology and is one of the driving forces behind a newly formed gift economy group applying a sociocratic decision-making style in Copenhagen.



Mette Petersen is an environmental planner from Roskilde University specializing in nature conservancy and local empowerment. The last 9 years she has lived in Fri and Fro ecovillage in Odsherred and has been interested in how to build bridges between eco society-ideals/sustainable lifestyle and the surrounding society. Recently she has been part of developing and implementing exciting projects including: a 6 week course for the unemployed on green and human change, 'Lokalværket' - a local organization focused on promoting local development of small scale green and social businesses, ELV - a share based community company, aiming at promoting possibilities for local employment and entrepreneurship.

Ole Brekke is the Founder and Director of The Commedia School, a professional level international theatre school in Copenhagen, Denmark. Ole brings over 40 years of experience in theatre and in using theatre in activist and educational situations on all continents. He has also been involved with Ananda Marga social, spiritual, relief and development activities for over.



Rasaviharii is a yoga teacher from America with 16 years experience teaching both yoga and Eastern Medicine. He majored in philosophy and medical studies at Portland State University and spent many years in India and China studying the philosophy and practice of Indian and Chinese medicine. His classes weave together a pragmatic and fascinating blend of Eastern and Western wisdom.

Facilities

Ananda Gaorii is a ten hectare organic farm and retreat center. We have a mixture of rooms from small, double bunk rooms to large dormitories. The rooms have beds and the dormitories have mattresses on the floor. There are halls for meditation and classes and a good size kitchen and dining room (with talented vegetarian chefs). There are comfortable shower and toilet facilities and WiFi. The beach is ten minutes away by car and there are pleasant walks available in the surrounding rural countryside. Medical and shopping facilities are five minutes by car (15 minutes by bike) in the small town of Vig. Copenhagen is an hour by car and an hour and twenty minutes by public transport.

Projects:

Projects on the farm include growing organic wheat, fruit and vegetables, starting a forest garden, developing wind and solar power and refitting some of our vehicles to run on electricity and water. We have seminar facilities for 60 people (150 including camping) and run regular yoga and meditation retreats, workshops on alternative economy, Permaculture and ecovillage design. We have an organic and gluten free bakery providing fresh bread daily. We provide a home for 9 Icelandic ponies who in turn provide us with manure for our veggies. We are negotiating for an ecovillage allotment with the local kommune.

What to Bring:

Sleeping Bag, Sheets, Towel, Toiletries, etc. Swimsuit (for August |), hat, sunscreen, jacket/sweater for evenings (warm clothes for November)

Cost:

The August course contains two sections (social and ecological). The November Course also contains two sections (economy and worldview). Participants may take one or both sections according to preference. Prices are as follows:

One section only (advance payment) €335

One section only (full payment) €390

Two sections (advance payment) €560

Two sections (full payment) €635

Two sections fully funded (ERASMUS grant) €1700

Note: Applicants unable to pay the fee may appeal for a scholarship, work exchange or other arrangement.

Registration:

Click on the link below to complete the registration form: <http://bit.ly/1nYfvGv>

How to Pay:

Make a bank transfer to:

Account No. 5010-0001465289

Iban No.: DK9450100001465289

Swift/Bic Code: JYBADKKK

Bank: Jyske Bank, Vesterbrogade 9, 1780

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(Note: Include a message to payee: "August EDE" or "November EDE")

Contact & Information

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How to Get There:

By Train: (About 1 hour by train from Copenhagen) Take the train (or train/bus) to Holbæk from Copenhagen Central Station (15 min from Copenhagen Airport). Call us on 4731 4731 or 71881273 or 91490811 to let us know your arrival time and we will come and pick you up at the station.

By Car: (About 1 hour by car from Copenhagen) Navigate to 56 Holbækvej, Vig, 4560.

